THE CRITIC.

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 2, 1800.

TO THE CAPITAL.

In usurping your title, THE SUNDAY CRITIC offers you its sincere apology and regrets. Necessity, not desire, is to blame. You are the victim of no upstart ambition. Neither impertinence nor contempt is intended. Those who value and respect your venerable name and good will would not thus wantonly betray them. For accounting, look rather to those to whom you have so long given your life blood that they might live.

THE CRITIC.

RED TAPE.

The Washington printers, like the printers in many cities, have a union, the purpose of which is self-protection, ostensibly. The need of this organization is obvious to every one who is familiar with the especial opulence and monopolistic greed of the Washington editor and newspaper owner. If ever printers had a just grievance it the scientific knowledge of cause and was, perhaps, against the heartless newspaper millionaire in Washington. Therefore it is not to be wondered at that they passed severe laws for the suppression of his wealth and the amelioration of his business morais. Among these was a measure designed to prevent him from forming trusts. It provided that types "set up" or composed for one newspaper should be charged for again by the printers on any other newspaper to whose columns the matter might be transferred. THE SUNDAY CAPITAL and EVENING CRITIC are virtually one. They are owned and operated in the same shop, edited by the same staff, composed by the same printers, but the printers' union, in its dictionary of distinctions, proves them to be separate, different, exclusive. Under this spiritual definition the composition of advertisements contipued from THE CRITIC to THE CAP ITAL, or from THE CAPITAL to THE CRITIC would have to be paid for second time. By supplacing the word CAPITAL with that of GRITIC in the title of the paper, however, the conscience of all concerned is appeared and the sanctity of the typographical law maintained. Thus it is that the red tape of the despot may, in the process of time and democracy, become a virtue for reasoning bodies of

NOT A FAIR SAMPLE.

THE CRITIC, under its new management, intends to make very few apologies. It will strive rather to avoid all God. The great idea is born in the necessity for apology. It is due to mind of one man. That is true enough. itself, however, to say that this num- But should that man rule the people in ber of the Sunday paper, being the first | every way because of it? to issue from the hands of the present | an idea really great? Its reception publishers, is, for reasons which relate not its birth. What is music with no to the unprepared mechanical department, much smaller than the Sunday edition will ever be again. While this number may commend itself to its readers as a more entertaining Sunday morning visitor than its immediate predecessor, the Capital, was, it still falls very far short of the intentions of the publishers. Next Sunday's edition will more clearly demonstrate what it is to be in the future. To day's number is not a fair sample.

SCIENTISTS AS LAW-MAKERS. The future is the pursuit of science; the present the business of politics. Science leads the mind away from affairs. Politics confines it within material bounds. The intellects presiding over these two elements in human progress disdain each other, while they could, with mutual advantage, direct microbes and delude men on common grounds. Might not conventions made up in equal parts of savants chosen by their own societies and of politicians elected by the people, with judicial presidents taken from the Supreme l enches, produce an amelioration of government?

Ever since the French revolution lawyers have swayed the tribunes and controlled the enfranchised nations. Why ! Because they are the expounders of law and should, therefore, in the interest of universal harmony, be its authors? Not at all, for it is they who confound the laws after they are made.

Because they are especially fired by the love of human destiny? No, for they are not, as a class, given to fretting

for the future. It is because their profession puts them into the habit of standing for individual or local interests, of talking and working for them, of learning to find or invent right or wrong to fit specious pleading. The relation of lawyer and client is become precisely the relation between legislator and locality. There is the best illustration of this in the tariff contest, one which affects the sum total of conditions in the nation, yet one in which every forensic torendor fights as if the amphitheatre were at the side scene of his own election.

Cicero was not an oratorical lawyer merely; a oral science amounted to an occupation with him. His truest and best adviser was the speculative Attiens. The judicial minds which took active part in the affairs of earlier republics followed or moved in philosophic or scientific schools. While combatting for and against the passions of life they rarely lost sight of its higher purposes. They were not the molecules of a system whose sun was a silver dollar. They were not men whose abilitles were stuffed with straw, and whose mental digestion was cloyed with corporation ing a column argument into a paragraph, axioms and provincial economics. Nor and that paragraph luminous with wit is the type of the ancients lost to expe- and adorned with a sarcasm worthy of but he is no sucker.

us, but powerless

It is not the desire to affirm that the

lawyer is exceptionally wicked or unusually weak. He is the chief officer of public right, the commander of affairs and the polloeman of society. The journalist compared with him, for example, is as the parrot to the eagle. As it has been truly said of him, he at least of all men is honest with one, for he never betrays his client. However, this doubtful praise is conceded to certain persons who agree to violate the seventh commandment (St. James) version) and the common law, But what the lawyer is to the client that employs him, to the interest that may elect him as a law maker, or to the cor poration that may aire him in politics is not the point. He is, by whatever design, the supreme agent in modern lag islation, and he is going to be largely responsible to posterity for the error and follies of his time. To diminish these, and frame democracy on a ivanced lines, is a power within his grasp. He should call upon science sit with him, to devise him, to act with him. Between the people, to whom science is mystery, and the scientist, to whom the people is mud-pie, the political lawyer is the middle-man. That is to say of all the classes of democracy, the legal one has the largest and most intelligent representation in government. It is wholly within the influence of the legal profession to organize, and lead to triumph in, a movement to equally divide the cares of State between forces which would combine the business of life with ideas of eternity-forces which would neutralize the influence of passion on legislation, and thereby insure happier conditions everywhereby squaring their own passions with effect. Civilization has reached a point where the great minds whose life occupation is the search for universal truth might, in taking part in the polemics for the public good, have a beneficial effect on those other great minds whose en-

VOX POPULI, VOX DEL The current number of "Blackwood's Magazine" has a poem denouncing the theory of popular government. The gist of the affair is in these lines:

thusiasm for truth no longer ventures

beyond the lines of partisanship.

Where do all great ideas, all large aims, All schemes that lift humanity, have birth In the majority? Oh. no. my friend; In the minute minority of one.

Did the majority since the world began Ever originate one noble thing?

The world has always been republi can in the ultimate. It has tolerated kings to a certain point, and ofter that point was passed it has overthrown them. Perhaps it has substituted other kings, but they in turn have been subjected, in all great, final ways, to the irresistible force of popular judgment. What is the difference in principle, whether a ruler is elected by force of arms or by force of ballots?

The people rule. They govern themselves. They are might, and God speaks through them as plainly as he does in the storm, the avalanche, the earthquake, or in the quieter forces of the changing seasons. The thing which must rule-that is, the exponent of body to hear it? What is poetry with nobody to read it? In the ultimate the people rule. They always have ruled and they always will rule.

The republic is not a creation of new forces, but a recognition of old ones. It is the surrender to the natural. It is the adjustment of humanity to itself It is the realism of government.

MR. REED AS SPEAKER.

This is an eminently business-like Congress. The reason is found in the admirable executive qualities of the Hon. Thomas Buchanan Reed, Speaker of the House of Representatives. The representative branch of Congress is the one which sets the legislative pace, for the dignified Senat accepts to its fullest extent the maxim which advises us to make haste slowly The causes of this are threefold. First, the House is the body under the Con stitution charged with the origination of all revenue laws. Secondly, the House is the body which stands closer to the people, being elected by a di rect vote and at more frequent intervals. Thirdly, the Honse is the larger body numerically and it is, therefore more difficult for it to arrive at a deter mination in regard to any given meas-

The latter reason makes it a body more difficult to govern than the smaller Senate. The speaker requires an executive ability of a high order to role this sometimes turbulent body successfully. The Senate can dispense with this quality in its presiding officer altogether, and yet get along very

Mr. Reed has displayed executive abilities of a high order. Indeed, they do justice to his early training in the Navy, and may, at times, even smack of the arbitrary brusqueness of the quarter-deck. He began his Congresonal career in the Forty-fifth Congress, when Mr. Randall was Speaker He rose to leadership gradually. In the Forty seventh Congress he shared the honors with Mr. Hiscock of New York, now Senator, though, in some respects, Mr. George M. Robeson of

New Jersey, through his own au- faculty of settling things. Perhaps he ducity and the favor of Speaker Kelfer, overshadowed them During the three succeeding Con gresses, in which the Democrats had a constant majority and the Chair was occupied by Mr. Carlisle, a very able man and a skillful parliamentarian, though hardly to be classed as an ag grewive leader, Mr. Reed developed into one of the keenest and most skillful of minority leaders Congress has over known. His strength dld not lay in his power as an orator, for he seldom made long speeches or set orations. His

strength lay in his faculty of condens-

WASHINGTON CRITIC rience. We have him preserved among Tristain Burgess at his best. And then the marvellous quickness of the man. His readiness, his vast stores of information on all kinds of subjects, his constant alertness, prepared on the msignt to take advantage of any weakness, however slight. In his opponent's

Notwithstanding Speaker Reed is copularly called Tom Reed, he is not a nagnetic man, not a hail fellow well met, not one of "the boys," He does not go about slapping his fellow-mem bers on the back or walking about with them arm in arm. The prominence he has gained is due to sheer force of intellect. He has fought his way to the front by his gladiatorial skill in the rough and tumble debates of the House. His natural ability, reinforced by his experience, has compelled recognition When he was chosen Speaker there were other candidates personally more popular than he. But his party associates conferred the coveted honor upon him because he had earned it in the days when they were in the minority. His followers now feel toward him. since the preliminary skirmishes leading up to the general engagement of yesterday, much as General William Nelson's, "Bull" Nelson's, volunteers felt towards him after the great battle of Shilob. Before that event the volunteers resented the stern and arbitrary methods of their commander who had come to them fresh from the quarter-deck and had introduced among them the rigid discipline of a man-of war. They hated him and cursed him with smothered breath. But when they saw the old man in battle, when they saw him spur his Kentucky thoroughbred up the steep slope at Pittsburg Landing, scattering the skulking stragglers right and left to make way for his own men. 'men who would fight," he shoutedwhen they saw these things and witnessed the magnificent rage of the battle which seized him and recognized the soldierly skill with which he led them, they fairly worshiped him and were ready to follow him to storm the very gates of the Lower World.

The Republicans are feeling some thing the same way toward Speaker Reed. They may have themselves felt the sting of his sareasm and been the victims of the shafts of his wit, and have felt resentful. That is all lost in the admiration his skill and courage in the Chair has extorted from them, and the confidence these qualities have inspired. If he does not misuse this confidence, he need never lose the respect and admiration of his party

Mr. Geonge Augustus Sana, the end nent English journalist, used to have a way of vanishing whenever be had any important piece of work to do. Sometic the newspaper which was intending to publish this work would find it necessary to communicate with him, and all hands would start out in hansoms and on foot to visit the resorts frequented by him. Mr. Sala used to have that way. He is married now, and his vanishing days are over for good and all.

MR. JOHN L. SULLIVAN watched Mr. Peter Jackson spar in New York on Friday evening last, and at the close of the performance expressed the opinion that before long he would "do" the colored man and brother in about two rounds. How many moons is it since Mr. Sullivan was swelling around like a turkey-cock and gobbling fiercely that he didn't propose under any consideration to fight with a "nigger? Perhaps the recent speech of Senator Ingalls converted Mr. Sullivan to Republican-

THE CHAMPION HARP-PLAYER of the world has been released from prison in Indians. It seems too bad to turn a man out into the cold world, but if prison reform is going to be accomplished in this country we must be careful what kind of society we furnish for the prisoners.

Since it has got out that the Chinese have a custom of going about and paying all their debts on New Year's Day our favor of the strict enforcement of the Ex-

THE CHICAGO News of January 29 says that hostility to the Interstate Commerce law has long been the "raison d'etre" of a certain Illinois Senator. The remainder of the News of that date is printed in

A WANDERING paragraph says that Zola's story, "The Dream," is to be turned into a comic opera. Those who have read the story must cherish the opinion that the attempt will be far more comical than the THE MAN WHO started the story that

John Sherman is going to support Mr. Mc-Kinley for the next Presidential nomina ought to utilize that imagination of his in the legitimate field of spring poetry. DISTRICT ATTORNEY FELLOWS of New York has flunked once more in the boodle cases. All District Attorney Fellows needs

to make a pretty-good District Attorney is THE CZAR OF RUSSIA is said to be a very illiterate man, but when one stops to think of the sort of language they have over there. one is not sure but this is to the Czar's

IF THE GRANT MONUMENT Reeps on growing in the direction it has set out upon, it will soon reach up to the centre of the earth. It is now almost as tall as a well.

SERIOUSLY, NOW, HOW MARY of you fellows who are writing brilliant paragraphs out the impossibility of understanding Browning have ever tried to read him? IF CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW and Thomas C.

Platt should really contend for the Senate somebody would get left. And it wouldn't IF A MAN WANTS an exciting game of

chance, let him deposit his money in a New York bank to-day and guess what he will have to-morrow. SPEAKER REED SEEMS to have a happy

could put an end to the horrible struggle in buseball circles. The Chitic is probably the only paper in the United States to refrain from mentioning this morning that this is ground

A PROPHET at Oakland, Cal., predict that Chicago will be destroyed inside of eighty days. We shall wait as patiently as BARNUM HAS BUEN giving lectures in

London for the benefit of the Irish industrial Union-and Barnum. WHAT PENNSYLVANIA NEEDS IS & DAW bottom-one that will keep her towns from

leaking through. SENATOR FARWELL comes from Hilbols SOCIETY.

The flat of culeties for the present west is a very fait one, exclusive of the namerous breakfasts, funcheous and dinners to be

Monday-Mrs. J. C. Breekingidge and M.4s Breekinridge will give a tea at 5 o'clock. Mrs. George Whitfield Brown and Miss Cuthbert will give a tea from 1 to 7. Representative and Mrs. Springer wit

Mrs. Thomas Blagden will give a tea at her country place near Washington. In the evening Mrs. Mandeville Carlisle will give a dancing party to her daughter,

Miss Mildred Carlisle. Mrs. W. B. Moses will give a reception rom 8 to 12 in her apartments at the Nor mandle

Miss Voorhees will give a tea from 4 to 7. In the evening Senator and Mrs. Dolph

ill give the second of their series of dinner parties Wednesday Mrs. D. P. Morgan will hold the

first of a series of teas for the 5th, 19th and 16th Instants

Mrs. and Miss Burdette will give a tea from 4 to 7. Mrs. Barrett and Miss Flint will give an afternoon tea at their residence, 1424 Massa

chusetts avenue. Thursday-Mrs. Mullan will give a luncheon. The Misses Merrick will give a tea from to 7 at their residence, 1310 L street.

Miss Soule will give an afternoon tea, folwed by a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Browne will give an evening reception from 8 to 11, in honor of

General and Mrs. Black. In the evening President and Mrs. Harrison will give a dinner to the Supreme Court. This dinner was to have given on Tuesday, but, owing to the ab sence of the President and Supreme Court in New York on that occasion, the feast was necessarily postponed.

The Thursday Assembly and German Club will give the last of their series of entertainments. Friday-

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Matthews will give : tea from 4 to 7. In the evening Secretary and Mrs. Tracy will give a dinner to the President and Cabi

Saturday-Mrs. Harrison will hold her last public reception from 3 to 5 p. m. Mrs. Marcellus Bailey will hold the first of her series of teas for Saturdays in February at her residence, 2001 R street. Vice-President and Mrs. Morion will give a dinner party.

THE SUBSCRIPTION GERMAN. The date of the subscription german to be given under the auspices of Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Russell Harrison, Mrs. Richardson Clover, Miss Porter, Miss Stoughton, Miss Myer and Miss Lowry has been changed from the 7th to the 10th instant. The greate number of favors for the german, which will be limited to forty couples, are now being prepared by the ladies in charge, and t is not unlikely that some of them will be painted by Mrs. Harrison, while others will the work of Mrs. Richardson Clover, who is a clever artist in oil and water

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP President and Mrs. Harrison, accompanied by Chief Justice and Mrs. Fuller and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, with their wives, will leave to morrow for New York, to attend the centennial celebration of the formation of the Supreme Court, While in New York the distinguished party will be the guests of the New York Bar Association,

INTRUDING ON THE BRITISH MINISTER. The announcement made several weeks ago that Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote would be at home every Saturday afternoon has served to subject them to considerable annovance from the great crowd of strangers who have besieged the Legation each week. These receptions are not lutended in any sense for the general public, but are exclusively for the personal friends of Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote. MRS, RIGGS' TEA.

The tea given by Mrs. Frank Riggs on Wednesday was among the enjoyable ones of the week. Mrs. Riggs received her guests alone. In the tea-room Miss Susie Lee and Mrs. Calderon Carlisle served tea and chocolate. Among the guests were Mrs. Newbold of Boston, Mrs. Carrie May Wright, Count Sala, Mrs. Thomas Wood, Mrs. Seaton Shroeder, Miss Sallie Emory, Mrs. William Hill, Mrs. Charles Mann, Mrs. Charles Hill, Miss Condit-Smith and Mr. Arthur Brice. ONE OF THE WEEK'S EVENTS.

Mrs. Isaac Henderson and Mrs. Car-baugh gave a handsome tea on Friday afternoon to their guests, Miss Cottler of England and Mrs. McKay of New York. Several musicians played throughout the afternoon, which added to the enjoyment of the occasion. The gown worn by the hostess was of white ottoman silk, with draperies of thread lace. Mrs. Carbaugh's gown was of white embroidered mouselin de sole; Miss Cottier, black silk and brocade, Mrs. McKay, flame-color point d'esprit garlanded with poppies. other ladies of the receiving party were Mrs. Frost, in heliotrope brocade and velvet; Mrs. Frye, a Paris gown of black lace; Miss Edith Soule, blue tulle with corsage trim ming of forget-me-nots; Miss Gouveneur, blue silk, and Miss Hutchinson of New York, in old rose crepe de Chine with black velvet trimmings. The guests included persons prominent in social and Army circles.

MRS. PATNE'S LUNCHEON. Mrs. Senator Payne gave a beautiful luncheon yesterday in honor of Miss Betty Thompson of New York, who was here last winter as Mrs. Whitney's guest. The table was decorated all in pink, pink roses for favors and the tapers burned under pink shades. The guests were Misses Fuller, Harian, Corkbill, May Sherman, Condit Smith, Mary Taylor, Carter, Preston, Florence Bayard, May McCulloch, Voorhees, Boardman, Harris of Cleveland, Nellie Biddle, Ingalls and Pugsley. Mrs. Payne is a great favorite with young ladies, and the uncheon was one of the daintiest of the season.

MRS. KENNEDY'S RECEPTION. Mrs. Ulrich Kennedy held a most de lightful reception Friday at 25 Lafayette Square, the last formal one of the season, serving to bring out her friends in full force. She was assisted by her sisters, the Misses Kennedy, Miss Bryan, Miss Dapray and Miss Harvey. The young hostess is a lovely blonde of delicate beauty, and the pretty group of girls formed a bright ea emble harmonious and cheery for this oceasion. Miss Julia Kennedy is a petite demi-blonde, very captivating, and a charming addition to the coterie of debut antes this season.

Ex-Senator James G. Fair has just creeted in San Francisco an elegant building, on the corner of Sutter and Octavia streets, which will be occupied as a school for young ladies by Miss Lake. The edifice is described as one of the most complete educuttonel justitutions west of the Rockles.

Miss Harriet McEwen Kimball is visiting Mrs. Theodore D. Wilson at her residence, 1631 Sixteenth street. Miss Kimball is a cousin of Edmund C. Stedman, and hersel

a postess of more than usual merit. The implete poetical works of this gifted weman, recently published, have met with general commendation from the press.

Postmaster General and Mrs. Wanamaker have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Brown, Mrs. Rodney Wausmaker, Mrs. Morton Fox of Philadelphia and Miss Mor-

Secretary and Mrs. Proctor have visiting them Miss Meade of Boston. The young son of the Secretary of War has greatly unproved to health during the past few weeks, md, in company with Mrs. and Miss Proctor, drives to Arlington every morning it an open carriage.

Ex-Representative and Mrs. Henderson will give a reception to the Pan-Americans Monday, February 10.

Mrs. and Miss Walthall have issued cards for a tea Tuesday, February 11. The Bowling Club will give a large the atre party of fifty guests Saturday, the 15th

festant. The appual ball at the Country Club will be given February 17. Postmaster-General and Mrs. Wanamaker

will give their second card reception Feb Mrs. Leland Stanford will give a tea on the afternoon of Shrove Tuesday, February 18,

Mr. Kenneth Kerr and Mr. Hal Kerr, now engaged in business in Salt Lake, are n the city on a visit to their mother, at her residence, on Twentieth street,

Mr. Edwardes of the British Legation has recovered from a severe attack of grip. Miss Flora Bell of Philadelphia is the guest of Mrs. Lowrie Bell. Mrs. De Ford Webb has issued cards for

Tuesdays in February. Mrs. George Boardman Havoock has issued cards for Saturdays in February. Mrs. Joseph McCammon has issued

cards for Fridays in February. Mrs. Bromwell and sister, Miss Coustade, have issued cards for Wednesdays in February.

Mrs. William May is at home Thursdays until Lent. The Misses Warren Brown will receive Mondays in Lent at the Arlington. They are actively interested in organizing i young ladies' whist club, the first meeting of which will be held at the Arlington Feb

nuary 4. Mrs. and Miss Mullau have issued cards to their friends for informal receptions Sunday evenings at 9 o'clock.

Justice and Mrs. Blatchford entertained at dinner on Wednesday Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote, Baron de Struve, Senator and Mrs Stanford, ex-Senator and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Pellew, Mrs. Hazer and Admiral Harmony.

Miss Sidney Price of Wilmington is the guest of Lieutenant and Mrs. T. B. M

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kerr are keeping house at 1708 M street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lansing returne I last week from their honeymoon-trip South on Mr. Bateman's yacht, and after a stay of sev eral days with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fos ter left for their future home in Watertown, N. Y., where Mr. Lansing is engaged in the practice of law.

Mrs. Kilpatrick, widow of the late Gen eral Kilpatrick, U. S. A., whose engagement to General Schofield was rumored last week, is spending the winter at the oreham with her two daughters, the younger of whom made her debut this season. Mrs. Kilpatrick, accompanied by Senator McPherson, called on Secretary Proctor a fortnight since and presente him with the large cavalry sabre worn by General Kilpatrick during the war. Senator McPherson, in his speech of presentation. gave a brief listory of the sword, together with a culogistic mention of the distin-

guished officer to whom it belonged. Miss Wooton, the pretty young grand-daughter of General and Mrs. Wright, who has been their guest for several weeks, will return to her home to-morrow, to the regret of the many friends made during her

Miss King of New York left for her home Thursday, after a visit to Mrs. Melville Shuster. Miss Clarke, daughter of Mrs. Henry

of Cleveland, an heiress of unusual beauty s spending several weeks with Mrs. and Miss Heintzelman at their new home, 937 Nineteenth street. Colonel Brigham of Ohio returned to his home on Thursday, after a stay of several

weeks at the Ebbitt. Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Salter, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Fanning of New York, have been spending the week at the Shoreham.

Miss Josie Kelton has gone to Fortress Monroe for several weeks. Miss Barnes of New York is the guest of Mrs. A. Cleveland Tyler, who gave a dinner in her Lonor Thursday evening and an at-

Mrs. Hays and Miss Sybil Hays are at the Shoreham for a short stay, having recently returned from a stay of several years abroad.

Mr. Percival Drayton has returned to Washington and is spending the season with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Howland, at the bouse on K street leased from Mr. Charles Nordhoff.

Miss Lucy Freylinghuysen is the guest of ludge and Mrs. John Davis.

The marriage of Mr. Van H. Manning, r., to Miss Edith Reamer will take place February 12 at the residence of the brideelect, at Bedford, Pa. Miss Reamer has spent the winter in Washington for several casons past with friends.

Mrs. General Clary, since the recent death of her husband, has taken apartments at the Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman of Salt Lake City saye returned to their home in the Wes after a week's stay at the Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman spent the holidays with their eldest son, who is a student at Yale. Mrs. Marquis, wife of the professor of Greek at the McCormick Theological Seminary, is the guest of Assistant Attorney General and Mrs. Shields, at 2019 N street

Mr. Louis Redfern has returned from abroad for a short stay with his parents Miss Mamie Redfern has been so ill with nervous prostration for several weeks past as to require the services of a trained nurse Colonel John M. Wilson spent several days in the city last week, the guest of his sister, the widow of General Duncau,

Miss Sadie Gibson, daughter of Captali Woolman Gibson, has returned from a visit to relatives at West River, Md.

Mrs. Edward P. Mertz will be at home Wednesday, assisted by her mother and sister, Mrs. L. G. Hine and Miss Hine, Mrs. W. F. Nabers, Mrs. M. F. Findey, Mrs. J. T. Thomas and Mrs. D. E. Sharretts. The N. N. Club, composed principally of

Georgetown ladies and gentlemen, were delightfully entertained last Wednesday ever ing by the Misses Welsh at 3307 N street northwest. Mrs. J. G. Thompson of 1308 Riggs street

northwest will leave the latter part of the week for a mouth's visit to Philadelphia and vicinity. Mrs. John D. McGill has been claiming in

Chief Engineer Montgomery Fletcher, U. S. N., who has been in Washington on

ienve for some time past, has been assigneto duty in this city, which intelligence wil

Mrs. Connell, wife of Representative Connell of Nebraska, will receive on Tues-

day at 1400 Massachusetts avenue. Several members of the City Troop Philadelphia attended the Army and Navy Assembly on Wednesday evening in ful uniform, with cavalry boots and spurs. The latter adjunct in the uniforms proved the reverse of agreeable in dancing to such of the young ladies as wore tulle ball gowns. Mr. Nelson G. Thompson of Indianapolis, Ind., is vieiting his parents at 1308 Riggs

Mrs. Clinton B. Sears gave an enjoyable tea Monday afternoon at her residence, 1636 Nineteenth street.

Mrs. Kindleberger and Mrs. Charles H. Poor gave a tea from 4 to 7 Friday after

Lieutenant and Mrs. Shipley are the guests of Mrs. Niles at her home on Twentieth street. Miss Apple Biddle of Detroit will leave on Wednesday for New York, where she

will be joined on the 15th tustant by Miss Nellie Biddle for a week's stay at West Point. Miss Aldrich, daughter of Senator Al

drich, has as her guest Miss Perkins of Boston. Miss Houghton, daughter of the eminent oston publisher, is visiting Secutor and

Mrs. Morrill. Miss Asburst of Philadelphia is the gues of Miss Sallie Emory.

Miss Annie Wakemau, the accomplished London correspondent of the Boston Her-ald, and private secretary to Mr. Charles Wyndbsm, the actor, has been staying at Willard's for the past few days. Wakeman has been quite ill with the grip. In the early summer she will return to her

Mrs. Hearst has entirely recovered from her recent indisposition and is now in New York, where she will remain until Thursday. Upon her return to Washington, Mrs. Hearst will occupy her new house, or New Hampshire avenue, which will not be entirely completed before the late spring, and will have as her guest Miss Florence Bayard, who has been visiting Miss Nellio Biddle for a month past,

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Van Rensselaer of "Glen Lutu," Berkeley, have leased for several seasons the house 1758 K street. Mrs. John Frederick Leech gave a tea to

her friends Friday afternoon, at her res dence, 1752 Massachusetts avenue. The Misses Myer gave a young ladies' luncheon on Tuesday.

Admiral and Mrs. Harmony left yester day for the South, where they will spend the present month on a tour of inspection

of the light-houses along the coast. Mrs. Van Rensselaer Berry gave a supper last evening in honor of her guest. Mrs.

Wadsworth of New York. Miss Gales of New York returned to her home on Tuesday, after a stay of several weeks with Mrs. N. S. Lincoln. A few days previous to her departure Miss Gales gave a theatre party, followed by a haudsome supper at the Shoreliam. The floral decorations were of white and purple Parma violets. The guests on that occasion were Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Lothrop Bradley, Lieutenant and Mrs. Ackley, and Dr. Murray.

A fancy-dress ball will be given by the pupils of Mrs. Flora C. Dennison at the National Rifles' Hall on Friday evening, February 14. Owing to the continued Illness of Mrs.

Belle B. Bond, the elocutionist and public

reader of Boston, her annual visit of sev eral weeks to this city has been indefinitely postnoned. A musical and literary entertainment for the benefit of St. John's Church will be given at the Parish Hall, on Sixteenth street northwest, Thursday, February 13.

tions, and it is hoped the people interested in this good work will be present. A complimentary hop will be tendered by the Cameo Club at the National Rifles' Hall Thursday evening. Music will be furnished by the National Guard Band and a

The programme includes many fine selec-

pleasant time may be anticipated. The Washington Hospital for Foundlings will be the scene of a pleasant gathering next Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock This charity has for its patronesses many of Washington's leading society ladies.

FIVE LITTLE TITTERS. In order to get the wild oats out of boy he must be thrashed .- Burlington Free

Many an actor begins with big bill boards and ends with big board bills .- Life, The burden of some arguments is so great that it makes the listeners tired .- Rome

We suppose the ship heaves to out of sympathy for the seasick passengers .- Bing nton Leader.

The man whose wits go wool-gathering is

lucky if he doesn't get fleeced.-Brooklyn Illustrated Magazine. UNCONSTITUTIONAL PATRIOTISM The New York Legislature has promptly passed the World's Fair bill, appropriating \$10,000,000 for the enterprise in 1893. This is commendable patriotism, perhaps, but the bill is unconstitutional all the same

THE BRIDGE.

and the scheme to hoodwink the United

States Congress is as transparent as a

French plate. - Baltimore Herald.

I dreamed of a bridge of rainbows, Airy and dazzling bright, That arched o'er the wonderful abysa Of a vast and solemn night-

Deeper than science could fathom Vaster than thought could span, Swimming with worlds far out of reach Of the grasping mind of man.

It swiing across the ether From space to space afar, Between a city of glorious light And a dim and distant star

The sonts of men along it.

Swept in a march subline, In close and solid phalanx,

Away from life and time. I dreamed I, too, was marching Amid that silent throng: And we were close to the City's gate.

And could hear the angel's song.

Yet I dreamed that my gaze turned back ward. O'er the track we had travelled far, And I hade adies with homesick though To the dim and distant star.

And I wonder, ob, I wonder (Now that the dream is done). If, when we leave this death in life And the gates of light are won,

We shall rest at last contenied In our new and happy lot.

And can turn our gaze to the darkling star Without a homesick thought

Washington, January 25.

AMUSEMENTS. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Congregational Church Mr. John L. Stoddard will be heard for the first times in Washington this season. The initial lec-ture will treat of Mr. Stoddard's souvenir of travels along and about the historic Rhine. The romantic tales and legende, as well as the heroic deeds associated with this river, give an added interest to the descriptions of its lovely scenery, which is itself so happily reproduced in the illustrations. On Saturday evening Mr. Stoddard will give the first of the two lectures on "National State of the story of the state of the story of the state of the poleon," which are accounted among the most valuable and scholarly of his produc

CHARLES WYNDHAM'S ENGAGEMENT.

The Criterion Company from Mr. Charles Wyndham's theatre in London will com-The Criterion Company from Mr. Charles Wyndham's theatre in London will commence an engagement at Albaugh's tomorrow evening. Mr. Wyndham, assisted by Miss Mary Moore, will appear on Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings and Saturday maticee in "David Garrick," and on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings in "The Candidate," a new comedy by Justin McCarthy, ir. An English lord, who is pestered in the country by his wife and mother-in-law, wants to have a good time in London, and is persuaded to run for Parliament in Northampton. His serricary, who is an ardent Home Ruler, is sent to Northampton to manage the canvass, and is so eloquent in his own cause that the lord is elected as a Home Ruler, which fact he tries to conceal from his family after he gets back from his froile in London. The necespapers, however, disclose everything, and his mother-in-law and wife make it hot for him. To add to his troubles, his mother-in-law gets some letters not intended for her, and the son-in-law is involved in a scrape with a woman. All sorts of amusing complications grow out of this state of things, which Mr. Wyndham, as the lord, presents with great eleverness. Miss Mary Moore makes a sweet daughter to the mather in-law, which out of this state of things, which Mr. Wyndham, as the lord, presents with great eleverness. Miss Mary Moore makes a sweet daughter to the mother-in-law, which part is played by Miss F. Paget. Mr. George Giddons is a capable secretary. The other characters are in the bands of Miss Gunn and Leysbon, and Messrs William E. Gregory, S. Hewson and F. Atherly, all competent people.

HOYT'S "BRASS MONKEY,"

ROYT'S "BRASS MONKEY,"

Mr. Charles H. Hoyt's farce-comedy, "A Brass Monkey," will be the attraction this week at the National Theatre. It comes from New York, where it had its very popular run, and for 150 nights packed the Bijon Theatre to the doors. "A Brass Monkey" is a satire on the superstitions of the day, and has all the elements that make up an enjoyable farce-comedy. Its characters are well known and familiar types of life; its dialogue is bright, snappy and full of Hoyt's wit; its comedy scenes are original and marvelously funny; its songs and special features new and catchy, and the company is one of the best that Hoyt and Thomas have ever organized to present the former's work to the public. Mr. George Marion plays Jonah, the victim of the superstition, and about everything else, as the bills express it. Mr. Marion is an actor of good ability, and his Jonah is about the best comedy character in which he has ever appeared. Miss Flora Walsh plays Baqqaqe, a part which she has made peculiarly her own. The cast also includes the original artists who made their great hits in the HOYT'S "BRASS MONKEY." her own. The cast also includes the nal artists who made their great hits i piece. George Lealle plays Doolitide and Tim Murphy of this city Dodge and Tim Murphy of this city Dodge Work.
Mrs. Alice Walsh is Birdie, the terrible correspondent of the Society Gazette, and J. F. Mfron, George A Deane, jr., Okis Harlan, Rieta Gough, Lottie Uart and Beth Bedford, other clever men and pretty girls, are in the company.

are in the company. "A ROYAL PASS" AT THE BLIOU. "A ROYAL PASS" AT THE BLIOU.

"A Royal Pass," the latest addition to the field of Siberian drama, will be at Harris' Bijou Theatre next week with the author, George C. Staley, as the star. The play develops many thrilling situations and startling climaxes, as is usual with productions of this class. It is founded on a story of plot in Russia and exile to Siberia. The performance is mounted in remarkably handsome style, the commany markably handsome style, the company carrying its own scenery complete. Mr. Staley undertakes the dual role of from Zotoff, a Russian army officer, and Andreas Hoffer, a Swiss guide and courier. In his impersonation of the Nihilist he has an excellent opportunity for the exhibition of genuine dramatic power, and the role of the Swiss guide develops an excellent field for comedy work. The support has been spoken of as unusually good. Usual matinees and prices.

THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. The second concert of the ever-welcome oston Symphony Orchestra will take place t Lincoln Music Hall on Thursday evening of next week. After the impression made by this body of artists at their first tunity for another hearing. Their conduc-tor, Mr. Nikiseh, has already proved him self a remarkable genius, the equal of whom has been seen in this country only at rare intervals. The soloist of the even-ing is to be Mr. Franz Kneissel, the concert meister of the orchestra, and one of the rare violinists of the country.

THE HYDE STAR SPECIALTY COMPANY. The Hyde Star Specialty Company, which will play at Kernan's this week, is made up of some excellent artists. The troupe is direct from Hyde & Behman's Brooklyn Theatre, where they have drawn

uniformly good houses. DRAMATIC NOTES Mr. Nat. Goodwin comes to the New Na-tional Theatre Mouday night, February 10, in the "Gold Mine." In this play he has placed himself upon a plane of the highest art. His impersonation of the mine-owner in a foreign land is pronounced superlatively consistent, delicate and refined, even in excellence and beautiful in conceit. He gives us a typical American gentleman from the far West, bright, witty, wholesouled and true-hearted.

If it were not for her partial success in the well-worn drama "Forget Me Not," Rose Coghlan's tour as a star would, long ere this, have resulted most disastrously. Miss Marie Cahill, who played at the Bijou in the "Fakir" during the past week, is a clever little soubretze. She was form-crly with Barry and Fay at the New York Park Theatre and did good work in bring-ing their somewhat antiquated Irish come-

dies up to a playing point.
Inquiry has falled to reveal the date of the "Goudoliers' " arrival in this city. Miss Delia Stacey is the coming soubrette of Rudolph Aronson's New York Casino Company. During the late very successful tour of "The Brigands" she took Fanny Rice's part of Fragoletta a number of times and always successfully. Miss Stacey is a Washington girl, and on account of her father's prominent connection with the Grand Army, that body is taking considerable interest in her career. able interest in her career.

Bettle Padelford, nee Ordway, is in Stet son's Comic Opera Company, organized by Edward E. Rice, which will open in Gilbert and Sullivan's opera, "The Gondollers," at the Amphion Theatre, Williamsburg, tomorrow evening.

the Amphion Theatre, Williamsburg, tomorrow evening.

The Dramatic Mirror of yesterday contains an exhaustive article on the present
state of theatrical business throughout the
country and has the following about the
local theatres: "The managers report good
business and in many cases an increase
over last season. The National: Up to
January! the business of this house is
claimed to have been the largest in the history of Washington. Since that date there
has been a slight falling, attributable to the
influenza epidemic, but during that period
the business has not been so bad as to justify complaint. Albamph's: The business at
this house has been fully double that of
last season. There has been a noticeable,
but not serious, falling off within the last
two or three weeks. The depression is
clearly the result of its grippe. Harris'
Bijo: The season at this house has been
larger than that of corresponding period
last year, notwithstanding a marked decline during the past two or three weeks.
The recent decline is no doubt owing to like
prevailing illness. Kerman's: La grippe
does not appear to have affacted business
at this house, which has been gradually improving, and the season compares favorably with last."

Mr. Frank of Missouri recently lateoduced in the itoms a fall to monitol. Army

Mr. Frank of Missouri recently latro-ducted in the floure a bill to prohibit Army and Navy bands from competing with civil-ian organizations. The Secretaries of War and the Navy have been appealed to in vain and the musicians have concluded that the only way to be protected from enlisted near is by hav.

The Marris A adequy of Acting has lately moved from the Stath-street home to 614. Twelfth street northwest. The new rooms are large and handsomely furnished, and the school has larger classes than have ever assembled there before. Webster gists.

Edgerly, the manager of the college, has already taken the preliminary steps toward organizing a dramatic lycene in this city. He proposes to fit out-companies to produce on the road such plays as "Sir Olles Overrasch," "A New Way to Pay Old Debts," "The Iron Chest," "Cafe," "Brutus," etc. Another idea of the lycene is to build, by stock subscription, a vew theatre in this city.

Marie Wainwright has a new play, which a dramatization from one of George

ElloUs novels. Mr. and Mrs. Kendal had a great fort-night at Hooley's Theatre, Chicago. The Sir and Mrs. Action had a great forb-night at Hooley's Theatre, Chicago. The gross receipts came to nearly \$18,000, and on the final night of the engagement the house footed up \$1,559.75, the largest in the history of Hooley's Theatre and the biggest takings of the Kendal tour. All the local bouses have played to good business during the past week. "La Tosca"

usiness during the past week. 'Va Tosca''
as drawn well at Albaugh's, while the
'Oolah'' has packed the National.

There will be a public entertainment by the pupils of the Martyn Academy of Acting at their rooms next Thursday evening. Nettie Lyford, the pretty soubrette who plays Bampoora in Francis Wilson's "Oolah," is a young woman who has had a remarkable career. She comes of a fine old Boston family, and her relatives strongly opposed her going upon the stage. She was determined to follow what sesued to was determined to follow what seemed to her a natural bent, however, and, equipped with an excellent education and plenty of bright ideas, she started out with one of Hoyt's companies. Her success was pronounced and clever. Francis Wilson at once engaged her as understudy for piquant Marie Jamen. In this role she made a hit. She then essayed the part she is now playing as understudy for Miss Delaro. Her work was so good that she was engaged to play the role regularly. Now that her success is assured her friends are quite reconciled to her stage career.

THE MAIL-BAG SHOP

Editor Critic: Now that the management of the mail bag repair shop is a subject for public discussion, I feel like saying a few words, and, as one of the bands, I ought to know something about it. The articles lately published in THE CRITIC are sensational and unreliable, and I expect to prove the truth of this statement. If the author of the articles in The Cattic were as anxious to improve the condition of the laboring people as he is to appear smart and boom Tar

ple as he is to appear smart and boom Tag curre, he would visit the repair shop and learn the true condition of things there.

For to say that he tells the truth would be to libel him. I propose to make statements that will bear investigation, and would ask that if any person doubts any part of what I say to call at the shop and satisfy hignes! Nothing could be fairer than this.

The Carrie would give the impression that the building is a death-irap, or rat's nest, and unfit for human beings to be in. But such is not the fact as a visit to the shop-will prove. The building is well adapted for the purpose it is now used for. It is large, well lighted and ventilated. The sewing room is 90 feet in length; 90 feet wide, and 18 feet from floor to ceiling. There is a large skylight in the centre, and large far-are at the windows run by steam power. The dust is not one-fourth so great as reported, and everything possible is done for the comfort of all.

We are working people; we go to the shap-

everything possible is done for the comfort of all.

We are working people; we go to the shop to work and do not mind having our hands solled by work As to the forty sacks a day, any woman who can and will work our easily repair forty sacks, and the resords prove this beyond any doubt whatever by the amount of extra work done.

There are men and women who think the mail-bag repair shop similar to other Departments of Government. A few days convinces such drones that such is not the case, and, being constitutionally opposed to work, they leave and forget to return. The shop was never intended as a bospital for the olt and infirm of either sex. In the management of The Chrise! have no doubt that hands are employed who can do the work, and it is no discredit to the management of the repair shop if they see that justice is done the dovernment.

We are working people; the leating mail has a larger ment.

rament.

Men who repair the leather mail-bars have

Are who repair the leather mail-bars have a certain number to repair each day and they do it. The men are not allowed to make extra pay. The women alone have that right. Now let me notice a few mistakes made by The Curic reporter. He says: "The dressing room is a dark retreat, ventilated from the top by a trap door, the walls coarse duck nailed on posts."

The truth is, the dressing-room is enclosed with a neat-usinted and tight-fitting board partition and has long been so.

Another point to be explained is that all sacks are not repaired, as Tax Curre Inters. The worst sacks are condemned and used as patches on sacks repaired. This should be remembered by This Curre in its future bluff and bluster. Nor do the women repair the heavy sacks, as stated. Men who have been sall-makers do the repairing on heavy sacks. Those which the women repair do not weigh more than two and a half pounds.

In fact, what This Chiric does not know about the mail-bag repair shoo would fill a large volume. The women simply laugh at the many blunders published in This Carrie, and especially at the statement that there is no conversation among them. Why, it is simply involved by the control of the converged of the converged of the converged of the men why, it is simply involved by the converged of the converged of the converged of the men why, it is simply involved by the converged of t

large volume. The women simply laugh at the many blunders published in Tun Carrie, and especially at the statement that there is no conversation among them. Why, it is simply impossible to have from fifty to sixty women in one room and no conversation among them. The Carrie man is certainly a bachelor or he would entertain no such views.

Another false statement is that a blind woman must also repair forty sacks a day. The blind woman does not repair sacks; as simply puts a cord through the rings at the top of the sack.

The Carrie admits that in an interview with one woman who has been in the shop a long time she said that no partiality was shown, and then in the next breath Tare Carrie decirres it can secure affidavits to the effect that the bags are culled and the better cases given to favorites. Now, if I am not too inquisitive, let me ask why not produce the affidavits! This is he only statement in The Carrie deserving of special notice, and by all means let the affidavits be forthcoming.

Colonel Whitfield displayed good judement in his management of the repair shop, and only those who are ignorant of the success of the present system think otherwise. The superintendent, Captain Cullen, is as honest a man as ever lived, and The Carrie are compliment when it said that parties were discharged who had done certain things. The Cuptain makes the rounds of the bailding about every two hours, except when his wounds are unisually painful (the Captain as relies of the past), and everything must be done in order. Nothing need be said about Mr. Wannawker He needs no defense His record in support of the laborar and of the helpless is his vindication, and it is really getting monotonous to hear that gentleman referred to as a Christian man. Some people appear to tubak that Mr. Wanamaker is responsible for all cylls that afflict mankind. True he is rich, but it should be set right in the management of the repair should be remembered that he made his money, not through truets and unfair speculations, but by cheapening e

pie. That hatton would be fortunate that had a million such men.

There are a few things that should be set right in the management of the repair shop, but The Critic has not referred to them. I will do so in The Critic to morrow.

Washington, D. C., February 1.

IT WAS GOOD. Editor Critics: I have hopes. The Issues of your new deal incline me to think there may yet be brains and honesty combined in the editorial chair of a city paper. Your article on the Gladstone goody goody interview is good.

Washington, D. C., January 29.

RULES OF THE HOUSE. A New WORK. By Thomas B. Reed, Speaker.

HOW I BECAME SENATOR. By Calvin

S. Brice, Senator-elect DELVING IN THE DICTIONARY, By John James Ingalls, United States Sena Benson Forager, ex-Governor of Ohio. CELEBRATED POLITICAL FORGER-IES. By Murat Haistead, editor of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazetta THE MOUTH IN POLITICS. By Joseph SNOWED UNDER. By General William

FOUR OF A KIND. A POLITICAL TALE OF MONTANA. Anonymous. SENATORIAL COURTESY. Tommy-Paw, what is "Senatorial court-

Mr. Figg.—It means that no Senator is expected to ask another one what he paid for his sent. — Terre Haute Repress. MR. WANAMAKER'S VALENTINE. Very great apprehension is felt now lest Postmaster-General Wanamaker's now carmine postage stamps should not be issued to the public in time for St. Valentine's Day.—Chicago News.

In its rival, stages there is no disease more offensive than catarrh of the masal past sages, and yet Old Saul's Catarrh Cure quickly and pleasantly cures these advanced and offensive conditions.